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To: Washington State Building Code Council

Re: 21-GP1-136

To Whom It May Concern:

We have been a licensed plumbing contractor in the State of Washington since 2006. Over the past 16 years of business, we have seen consistent trends in laws being passed by legislators restricting the use of certain types of materials and equipment in the attempt of becoming more “green”. The most recent code change again is another example of government over reach by forcing a costly “green” agenda upon consumers and installers. It would be in the best interest of everyone to provide tax incentives to individuals, rather than limiting their choices.

The concerns with demanding only electric equipment as a water heating source are numerous, not only to mention what has been stated above. Heat pump style water heaters are only effective and efficient in certain applications and most definitely cannot meet commercial water heating demands. The other issue is the power requirements for such application. Most likely more than one water heater would be needed to meet hot water demands due to the recovery time of an electric water heater.

It is our strong recommendation that all fuel sources for water heating equipment remains the same, while offering large tax incentives to those who chose and can afford an electric option.

Thank you for considering our concerns,

Sean and Leona Egeland, Owner/Operator